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1. SUMMARY: US DEL LUNCHEON DISCUSSION AUGUST 20 WITH PREPCOM AND ECOSOC BUREAU REVEALED SPLIT WITHIN LDC RANKS AND LIKELY INABILITY TO GET AGREEMENT THIS WEEK ON MODIFICATION G-77 POSITION PAPER IN LIGHT WESTERN COMMENT. AT SAME TIME, DRIVE TO PLACE ALL PROPOSALS ON PREPCOM TABLE AT THIS POINT WAS EXPLAINED AS EFFORT TO LIMIT PROPOSALS TO THOSE FALLING WITHIN BROAD FRAMEWORK OF SIX-POINT AGENDA. ATMOSPHERE CONTINUED TO BE NONCONFRONTATIONAL. US LIMITATION ON TABLING PROPOSALS AT THIS TIME UNDERSTOOD AND GENERALLY ACCEPTED. EC-9 POSITION TO ACCEPT G-77 PROPOSALS "AS BASIS FOR DISCUSSION" AND LATER CONSIDERATION WAS REGARDED WITH SKEPTICISM. END SUMMARY.

2. AT MYERSON/KITCHEN FAREWELL LUNCHEON FOR FERGUSON
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WITH BUREAU OF PREPCOM AND ECOSOC, DISCUSSION FOCUSED ON

FURTHER SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION PLANS. BUREAU INCLUDES BELGIUM, JAMAICA, MOROCCO, THE NETHERLANDS, PAKISTAN, PLUS YUGOSLAVIA AND INDIA AS RAPORTEURS. OCCASION PROVIDED FURTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR US REPS TO STRESS CONTINUING INTERNAL NEGOTIATIONS TO ENABLE SECRETARY PRESENT SERIES OF CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSALS IN HIS STATEMENT AT SEVENTH SESSION AND OTHER THEMES DRAWING ON GUIDANCE PROVIDED STATE 194506.

3. IN THIS INFORMAL AND CANDID EXCHANGE, US REPS GIVEN TO UNDERSTAND THAT G-77 CONSULTATIONS AUGUST 19 AND 20 ON POSSIBLE AMENDMENT THEIR POSITION PAPER REVEALED EXTENSIVE SPLIT IN THE RANKS AND THAT LATIN GROUP IN PARTICULAR WAS UNCOMPROMISING. WHILE US DELEGATION HAS BEEN CONTINUOUSLY PRESSED BILATERALLY FOR MORE INDICATION OF THE CONTENT OF US PROPOSALS AT SPECIAL SESSION, WE NEVERTHELESS GIVEN TO UNDERSTAND THAT G-77 SITUATION WOULD PROBABLY CONTINUE TO BE UNDER CONTROL OF MODERATES THROUGH LIMA, ALTHOUGH ONE CAN NEVER BE CERTAIN.

4. MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR BENNANI, AS CHAIRMAN OF PREPCOM, SAID THAT HIS AUGUST 19 PREPCOM STATEMENT RE EFFORTS TO GET ALL PROPOSALS ON THE TABLE IS NOT INTENDED TO PRECLUDE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION OF US PROPOSALS AT SESSION ITSELF. WHILE NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR, BENNANI SUGGESTED EMPHASIS WAS ON KEEPING ANY NEW PROPOSALS WITHIN FRAME WORK OR CHAPEAU OF CURRENTLY AGREED AGENDA OF SIX ITEMS AND THUS WITHIN BROAD FRAMEWORK OF G-77 PAPER. (SEE USUN 3724 PARA 6.) G-77 MODERATES ANXIOUS NOT TO GO BEYOND LIMITED LIST OF PROBLEM AREAS, FOR THEN THE DOOR WOULD BE OPEN TO WIDE RANGE OTHER PROPOSALS. FOR EXAMPLE, THEY DO NOT WISH AT THIS SESSION TO TAKE UP THE ISSUE OF TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS. THEY DO NOT WISH PRECLUDE ANY PROGRESSIVE PROPOSALS OR DEBATE ON TOPICS THAT CLEARLY FALL WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF THE SIX AREAS PLUS THE POOR HOWEVER.

5. GENERAL ATMOSPHERE AT LUNCHEON WAS CONTINUATION OF FRANK AND NON-CONTENTIOUS EXCHANGE WITH SOME UNDERSTANDING LIMITATIONS ON US PARTICIPATION AT THIS POINT. G-77 MODERATES APPEAR MORE WILLING TO WAIT IN CONFIDENTIAL

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ANTICIPATION OF HELPFUL PROPOSALS TO COME TO MEET THEIR BASIC CONCERNS. ON OTHER HAND, AT LEAST SOME OF THEM FEEL POSITION OF EC-9 IS "PHONY" IN THAT EXPRESSED EUROPEAN WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER CONTENTIOUS PROBLEMS AT APPROPRIATE TIME MEANS IN EFFECT PUTTING THEM ON SHELF.

6. VARIOUS CONVERSATIONS ALSO INDICATED WIDE DISPARTIY WITHIN G-77 ON THEIR OWN NEXT STEPS. SOME WISH TO RESPOND TO

EC-9 AND NORDIC COMPLAINTS ABOUT G-77 FAILURE TO MODIFY POSITION PAPER IN LIGHT OF COMMENTS MADE AT GENEVA. SOME (E.G. INDIA) WISH TO DRAFT OMNIBUS RESOLUTION BASED ON G-77 POSITION PAPER FOR DISCUSSION AND NEGOTIATION IN PREPCOM CONTEXT. OTHERS WANT A FURTHER EXCHANGE OF VIEWS BASED ON PRESENT G-77 POSITION PAPER IN PREPCOM. LATTER POSITION RECOGNIZES DIFFICULTY OF GETTING AGREEMENT WITHIN GROUP ON NEW LANGUAGE AND ALSO TACTICAL UNDESIRABILITY FROM LDC VIEWPOINT OF WATERING DOWN THEIR TEXT IN ADVANCE OF LIMA AND "REAL" NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY SINCE US NOT READY. IT WAS CLEAR TO CHAIRMAN BENNANI THAT PREPARATORY PROCESS WOULD NOT BE COMPLETE WITH WEEK, AND HE PLANNED ON CONTINUING UNOFFICIAL NEGOTIATIONS ON BASIS OF G-77 PAPER THROUGH NEXT WEEK. COMMENT: CONTINUATION OF PREPCOM INTO NEXT WEEK MAY NOT BE FRUITFUL IN SUBSTANTIVE SENSE BUT COULD AFFECT DEBATE AND CONCLUSIONS OF LIMA CONFERENCE BY KEEPING NEW YORK FORUM OPEN. WE MIGHT FIND THIS HELPFUL.

7. IN VIEW OF THE CURRENT SITUATION IN THE G-77, THEY WERE, OF COURSE, UNABLE TO PRODUCE A CONSENSUS DRAFT RESOLUTION ALONG LINES REPORTED USUN 3701.
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